

SUMMARY

Proposed Changes to the Fishing Rule and Guide (2009)

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will be presenting the following proposed changes to the 2009 Fishing Rule and Guide to the WRAC Councils and Wildlife Board during September and October. These proposals are based on the recommendations presented at the spring informational meetings, and on public input received during the process.

STATEWIDE

1. Standardization of language in fishing guide

- The language in the Fishing Guide, and more specifically in the section entitled “Rules for Specific Waters” will be formatted in a standardized language to make the rules easier to understand. For instance, opening and closure dates will be assigned a standardized period as we have done for cutthroat (i.e. CLOSED January 1 through 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of July). The actual calendar date will be removed from the reference to make annual changes and date adjustments unnecessary.
- The language regarding limits and species in the “Specific Waters Section” will be standardized to the extent possible.

2. Establishment of Tiered Fee Schedule for Fishing Tournaments:

-A pro-rated fishing tournament fee structure was proposed to allow smaller tournaments to operate at lower cost than the larger tournaments in conjunction with overall restructuring of the UDWR permitting process. This was taken to the August WRAC’s and September Wildlife Board meeting.

3. Update Community Fishing Waters list and clarify regulations.

SPECIFIC WATER PROPOSALS

Central Region:

Taylorsville (Millrace Park Pond) and Sandy City Community Fisheries (Sandy Pond) (Salt Lake County): Add to community fisheries list with standard 4-fish community water aggregate limit.

Pleasant Grove Community Fishery (Manila Pond-Utah County): Add to community fisheries list with standard 4-fish community water aggregate limit.

Northern Region:

Hyrum Reservoir (Cache County): Bass limit 6, but only 1 over 12 inches

Pineview Reservoir (Weber County) and Newton Reservoir (Cache County): CLOSED to the possession of tiger muskie. All tiger muskies must be immediately released.

Clearfield Community Fishery (Steed Pond-Davis County): Add to community fisheries list with standard 4-fish community water aggregate limit.

Northeastern Region

Flaming Gorge Reservoir (Daggett County):

- Allowance for the use of up to six lines during the ice covered period and only when fishing through the ice. When using more than two lines, the angler's name shall be attached to all lines, and the angler shall check only their lines. To ensure consistency with Wyoming's regulations, a second pole permit would not be required during the ice covered period when fishing through the ice, but would be required for the use of a second pole when fishing open water any time of the year.
- Allowance to pursue/take burbot while engaged in underwater spearfishing activities yearlong, 24 hours a day, with a provision for the use of artificial lights. (Note: this idea was provided by the public at the NERO spring informational meeting, and is intended to provide enhanced angler removal of an AIS species.)

Red Fleet Reservoir (Uintah County): Catch and kill regulation for walleye.

Southeastern Region

Scofield Reservoir (Carbon and Utah Counties): Introduction of Bear Lake cutthroat trout and implementation of a slot limit to protect predatory cutthroat and tiger trout in an attempt to control expanding populations of Utah chub.

Joes Valley Reservoir (Emery County): Trout limit 4, but only 1 over 18 inches.

Carbon County Community Fishery (Carbon County): Add to community fisheries list with standard 4-fish community water aggregate limit.

Southern Region

Panguitch Lake and tributaries (Garfield County): Modification of the slot limit to allow harvest of one fish in the protected slot.